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Further to the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) of November 7, 2000, enclosed is a copy of a Search Report issued on July 2, 2002 (i.e., not more than three months ago) in European Appln. No. 97920117.5 (i.e., a related patent application). The documents cited therein have already been made of record on Form PTO-1449.

Applicants respectfully request consideration of this IDS under Rule 97(c). The Search Report was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a related application not more than three months ago. No fee is due.

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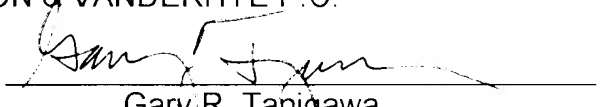
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Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures, as well as the return of a copy of the Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials per MPEP § 609, are earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if further information is needed.

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